

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Examiner: Bahar, M.

Art Unit: 1617



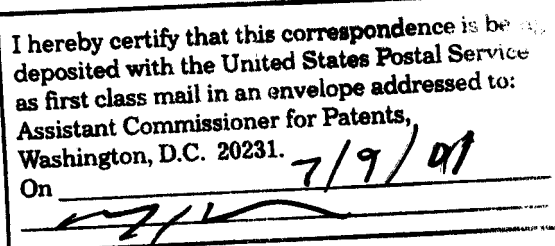
Applicant: DITTGEN, M. et al.

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C.
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AMENDMENT

The Office Action of March 7, 2001 has been carefully considered.

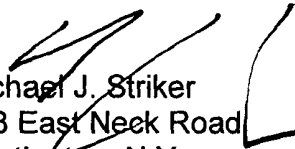
A requirement has been made for an Election between Claims 1-7, and Claims 8-14.

Applicant hereby elects Claims 1-7 for future prosecution.


This election is without prejudice of the right of the Applicant to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims.

Prosecution on the merits is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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